

Reporting Policies

The reporting policies were added to the RWSP via King County Council adoption of Ordinance 15384 in March 2006. Adding a reporting policies section to the RWSP and the King County Code (28.86.165) eliminated redundancies in reporting requirements that were previously included in several RWSP policies, adjusted the due dates to reflect the availability of information, and consolidated the reporting requirements into fewer, but more comprehensive, reports. The reporting policies call for the King County Executive to review the implementation of the RWSP on a regular basis and submit specific reports to the King County Council and the Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC).

14.1 RWSP Reports

The reporting policies provide direction on the content and frequency of RWSP-related reports. These reports are as follows:

- **RWSP annual report.** This report is expected to be submitted to the King County Council in September each year to cover the previous year's RWSP implementation. The RWSP annual report is expected to continue until the facilities identified in the RWSP are operational. The policies direct the annual report to include a summary of activities for major RWSP components, details on RWSP projects in design or construction, a status of the odor prevention program, a summary of odor complaints received, an overview of water quality monitoring program results, and a summary of RWSP cost estimates through 2030.
- **RWSP comprehensive review.** The policies specify that a comprehensive review report be submitted in September 2007; after this report, future reports are expected to be submitted to the King County Council every three to five years. Future due dates are to be based upon availability of necessary information, completion of key milestones, and the time needed to collect and analyze data. The policies direct the report to provide a review of assumptions related to the rate and location of growth, rate of septic conversions, water conservation efforts, phasing and sizing of facilities, and effectiveness of RWSP policies implementation. In addition, the comprehensive review report is to include all elements of the RWSP annual report, replacing it for that year.
- **Brightwater monthly report.** The reporting policies require the executive to prepare a monthly report for Brightwater that is based on a reporting format approved by the King County Council via Motion 12189 in August 2005. The policies call for this report to include a project summary, upcoming activities, schedules, an expenditures summary, a description of cost or schedule adjustments, and a status of the project's contracts. In addition, this report is to be distributed electronically and is expected to continue until the Brightwater system is operational.

- **Operational Master Plan.** The reporting policies call for updating on a regular basis, in conjunction with RWSP policy amendments, the RWSP Operational Master Plan that was approved by the King County Council via Motion 10809 in December 1999.

This chapter provides an overview on implementation of the RWSP reporting policies in 2004 through 2006. The complete text of all the reporting policies, along with a brief summary of how each policy was implemented in 2004–2006, is provided in Appendix M.

14.2 Implementation of Reporting Policies from 2004 through 2006

14.2.1 RWSP Annual Report

In accordance with the RWSP reporting policies, the King County Executive has transmitted to the King County Council an RWSP annual report every year since the year 2000. These reports are posted on the RWSP library Web site at

<http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wtd/rwsp/library.htm#ProgressReports>

The elements of the 2006 annual report are included in this *RWSP 2006 Comprehensive Review and Annual Report*.

14.2.2 RWSP Comprehensive Review Report

The first RWSP comprehensive review report was transmitted to the King County Council in April 2004. This report described RWSP implementation from 1999 through 2003. This *RWSP 2006 Comprehensive Review and Annual Report* is the second comprehensive review report; it provides a comprehensive review of RWSP implementation from 2004 through 2006 and includes the annual report elements for 2006. The RWSP policies call for subsequent reports every three to five years, depending on availability of necessary information and key milestones.

Based on anticipated milestones and future information, the Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) recommends that the next RWSP comprehensive review be issued in September 2012 to cover RWSP implementation from 2007 through 2011. Two key milestones are expected to be achieved in 2010—completion of Brightwater construction and completion of the second combined sewer overflow control program review.¹ Important information associated with Brightwater operations will be gathered in 2011; the division would then be able to include this information in the 2007–2011 comprehensive review. In addition, the initial infiltration and inflow projects are expected to be substantially complete in 2011. It is also possible that population and employment growth forecasts based on the Puget Sound Regional Council's analysis of the 2010 census would be available in 2011. If so, WTD staff would have time to

¹ The first CSO program review was transmitted to the King County Council in 2006, the second review is expected in 2010 and will include information on the results of the updated hydraulic model and the pilot tests of CSO treatment technologies, as well as updated schedules and cost estimates for the CSO control program projects.

analyze the updated forecasts and their effects, if any, on RWSP planning assumptions and facility needs and to include this information in the 2007–2011 review.

In accordance with the reporting policies, the King County Council sets the subsequent due dates, in consultation with the RWQC, following their review of the 2006 comprehensive review.

14.2.3 Brightwater Monthly Report

Since March 2005, the Brightwater monthly report has been distributed electronically to the King County Council in accordance with the RWSP policies and Motion 12189.

14.2.4 RWSP Operational Master Plan

WTD anticipates completing an update to the RWSP Operational Master Plan in the second quarter of 2008.